Tiverton Open Space Commission Minutes of November 17, 2008 meeting Essex Library, Highland Road

Present: Ginger Lacy (co-chair), Brian Janes (co-chair), Garry Plunkett, Martin Van Hof, Martha Moore, Phil Schuyler, Dick Bixby, Susan Anderson and Gayle Lawrence

Meeting was called to order by Ginger at Essex Library at 7:15 PM

Dick reported that Pocassett Lands Account had \$14,201 at the RI Foundation. The account had lost a little. There is a new point of contact. Ginger will meet with that person.

Ginger reported that the town has a new plat map format available Spring of 2009

Garry explained that the annual budget is due December 5. The request will be \$3000 for Open Space and \$4400 for Fort Barton.

Garry explained that Dana is not able to get around well now so we will need to find volunteers to do the monitoring and trash patrol that Dana has done so well.

Dick did not have a treasurer's report as the new town software was not up to speed yet.

Trail grants awarded but not paid, were \$5300 transfer from Tiverton Land Trust, \$1800 for signs, and \$1750 for the Kirwin cart path repair. Greg Cassiday is the new contact person for the trail grants. Gary will send off a packet of information including the letters awarding the grants.

Gayle explained that DEM needs documentation for in kind services. We need to sign up and record volunteer hours. DEM will pay for any permitting but we need to get any necessary permits before doing projects.

Gayle will contact the schools on community service opportunities with Open Space. She will contact Jeremy and Courtney who helped at the Orange Trail opening.

Pat Sullivan from the Conservation Commission wrote a letter of thanks for the "Fall Outing".

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Martin Van Hof